



Patent Application  
Attorney's Docket No. 016800-444

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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Patent Application of )  
Isabelle NONETTE et al ) Group Art Unit: 1617  
Application No.: 09/859,384 ) Examiner: Lauren Q. Wells  
Filed: May 18, 2001 ) Confirmation No.: 3201  
For: MANGANESE COMPOSITIONS )  
FOR REDUCING/PREVENTING )  
SKIN WRINKLES AND FINE LINES )  
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**REPLY AND AMENDMENT**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In complete response to the Official Action dated September 18, 2002, please first  
amend the subject application as follows:

**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

Page 1, please cancel paragraph [0002], and insert the following in its stead:

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[0002] Our copending Application No. 09/859,392 [Attorney Docket No.  
016800-443], filed concurrently herewith and assigned to the assignee hereof.

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please cancel Claims 1-21, without prejudice or disclaimer.

Kindly add the following new Claims 22-92:

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